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SUBJECT: YUGOSLAV DELEGATION VISITS GUYANA

1. A THREE MAN YUGOSLAV DELEGATION ARRIVED IN GUYANA ON SUNDAY, JANUARY 22, FOR TALKS WITH OFFICIALS OF THE RULING PEOPLE'S NATIONAL CONGRESS (PNC) AND FOREIGN AFFAIRS MINISTER FRED WILLS. THE DELGATION CONSISTS OF: MUNIR MESIHOVIC, HEAD OF THE GROUP AND EXECUTIVE COMITTEE MEMBER OF THE PRESIDENCY OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE LEAGUE OF COMMUNIST YUGOSLAVIA; SALIH NUSI, MEMBER OF THE SECRETARIAT OF THE PRESIDENCY OF THE SOCIALIST ALLIANCE OF THE WORKING PEOPLE OF YUGOSLAVIA; AND RONALD STRELEC, DEPUTY HEAD OF THE INTERNATIONAL DIVISION OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE LEAGUE OF COMMUNIST OF YUGOSLAVIA. THE DELEGATION IS SCHEDULED TO SPEND ONE WEEK IN GUYANA.

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2. DURING THEIR STAY THE YUGOSLAVS WILL VISIT MELANIE DAMISHANA (THE GOVERNMENT'S SHOWPIECE COOPERATIVE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT) ABOUT TEN MILES EAST OF GEORGETOWN, THE FILM INSTITUTE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND CULTURE, THE UNIVERSITY OF GUYANA, THE KURU KURU COOPERA-TIVE COLLEGE, AND THE BAUXITE MINING TOWN OF LINDEN. THEY WILL ALSO ADDRESS A RALLY AT THE GEORGETOWN CITY

HALL. THE DELEGATION, WHICH HAS ALREADY STOPPED IN MEXICO AND VENEZUELA, WILL THEN PROCEED TO JAMAICA.

3. COMMENT: GUYANA'S RELATIONS WITH YUGOSLAVIA CONTINUE TO BE GOOD. AS ONE OF THE CHARTER MEMBERS OF THE NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT, YUGOSLAVS HAVE BEEN CAREFUL TO AVOID THE HEAVY-HANDED INTERFERENCE IN GUYANESE INTERNAL AFFAIRS THAT HAS BEEN A CHARACTERISTIC OF SOME OTHER SOCIALIST COUNTRIES, I.E. CUBA AND THE SOVIET UNION. YUGOSLAVIA'S METHODS OF MANAGEMENT AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT HAVE ALSO MET WITH CONSIDERABLE GUYANESE APPROVAL.
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